

Plea for Help (al-Istiana) by QADIR al-JILANI

In the Name of Allah, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate.

O Sultan of those who know by direct experience!

O crown of the masters of reality!

O cupbearer of the spirit!

O beautiful of countenance!

O blessing of humanity!

O lamplight of the darkness!

O sun without setting!

O pearl without equal!

O full moon without freckles!

O ocean without an edge!

O Gray Falcon!

O reliever of sorrows!

O Helper Supreme!

O abundant source of
kindness and generosity!

O treasury of the realities!

O mine of the subtleties!

O means of order and progress!

O master of kingship and the kings!

O sun of suns!

O flower of the souls!

O blower of the fragrant breeze!

O reviver of the decayed!

O lofty of aspiration!

O law of the nations!

O proof of the ardent lovers!

O scion of the family of Ta-Ha and Ya-Sin.

O Sultan of those who reach their goal!

O heir of the Selected Prophet!
O vault of the mysteries!
O displayer of the Beauty of Allah!
O deputy of Allah's Messenger!
O heart of the Chosen!
O master of fidelity!
O secret of the Preferred!
O light of the Approved!
O consolation of the eyes!
O possessor of the blessed face!
O sound in spiritual states!
O truthful in utterances!
O unsheathed sword of Allah!
O fruit of the purely devoted lady [Fatima]!
O sympathizer with the people!
O remover of injury!
O opener of treasures!
O source of secret signs!
O Kai-ba of those who reach their destination!
O means of connection for the seekers!
O shedder of luxuriant rain!
O benefactor of the human being!
O strength of the weak!
O refuge of the strangers!
O leader of the devout!
O best of the worshipful servants!
O strong one of the pillars!
O beloved friend of the All-Merciful!
O revealer of the Eternally Pre-existent Speech!
O healing of the ailments of the sick!
O most righteous of the righteous!

O purest of the pure!
O kindled Fire of Allah!
O life of the hearts!
O Shaikh of all!
O guide of the ways!
O chieftain of the loved ones!
O destination of the spiritual travelers!
O noble on both sides [of the family]!
O pillar of both parties!
O judge of the judges!
O opener of the doors that are locked!
O sufficient supplier of important provisions!
O wall surrounding all things!
O light of the council!
O fulfillment of hope when the work is done!
O chief of the chiefs!
O source of felicity!
O light of the heavens and the earths!
O dictionary of the preachers!
O eye of humankind!
O guide of those who travel by night!
O abundance of benefits!
O relief in adversities!
O ocean of the Sacred Law!
O Sultan of the Spiritual Path!
O proof of Reality!
O interpreter of the knowledge of experience!
O discloser of secrets!
O forgiver of transgressions!
O model of the saints!
O support of the poor!

O master of splendid spiritual states!
O master of compassionate qualities!
O master of the clear religion!
O master of the Hanbali school [of Islamic law]!
O leader of the leaders!
O remover of distress!
O solver of difficult problems!
O welcome guest of the Lord of the Gardens [of Paradise]!
O boon companion of the All-Merciful!
O famous native of Jilan!
O Emperor!
O secret of my God!
O virtuous one!
O noble one!
O dutifully devoted one!
O pure one!
O champion of the Truth!
O ardently beloved!
O Cardinal Pole of the cardinal poles!
O uniquely beloved!
O my master!
O my support!
O my patron!
O my strength!
O my helper!
O my aid!
O my assistant!
O my comfort!
O satisfier of my needs!
O dispeller of my sorrow!
O my radiance!

O my hope!
O my remedy!
O Sultan Muhyi j̣d-Din j̣®Abd al-Qadir!
O light of the innermost beings!
O possessor of power!
O bestower of glory!
O He whose secret is manifest in this world and the Hereafter!
O king of the age!
O He who carries out the commandment of Allah!
O inheritor of the Book of Allah!
O inheritor of the Messenger of Allah!
O Cardinal Pole of the cardinal poles!
O presence of Shaikh Abd al-Qadir
(may Allah sanctify his innermost being and illuminate his mausoleum)!

O secret of secrets!
O Kaba of the righteous!
O Shaikh of every Cardinal Pole and Helper!
O witness of all beings at a glance!
O observer of the Throne through his knowledge!
O traveler to the east and the west with a single step!
O Cardinal Pole of the angels, the human race and the jinn!
O Cardinal Pole of the land and the sea!
O Cardinal Pole of the east and the west!
O Cardinal Pole of the heavens and the earths!
O Cardinal Pole of the Throne and the Pedestal,
and of the Tablet and the Pen!
O master of aspiration and of intercession!
O He who reaches his disciple when the appeal for help is made:
even if he is [far away] in the east!
Your horse is saddled and your sword is unsheathed;

your spear is raised and your bow is strung;
your arrow is on target and your mount is ready to ride!

O master of generosity and noble grace!
O master of the fine traits of character and aspirations!
O master of dispensation in this world,
and in his grave, by Allahj's leave!
O master of the foot raised over the neck of every saint of Allah!
O Supreme Helper, help me in all my states,
and support me in all my hopes, and direct me in your path,
in honor of your forefather Muhammad
(Allah bless him and give him peace),
and through his intercession,
his spirit and his innermost being.
May Allah bless our master Muhammad and his family
and his Companions, and may He grant them peace.
There is no power nor any strength
except with Allah, the All-High, the Almighty.